

Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
Saturday 15th September <i>Weekday</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: Dominic Devine	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: The Cone Family 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i> 1.00pm WEDDING SERVICE: Dominika Stramska and Michael Lawley
Sunday 16th September 24th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: Mary McKee 11.00am Mass: Derek Smith
Monday 17th September <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	10.00am Mass: Robert Burke	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Tuesday 18th September <i>Weekday</i>	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am Mass: Sick Person
Wednesday 19th September <i>St Januarius</i>	10.00am Mass: Winn Merryweather	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Thursday 20th September <i>Ss Andrew Kim and Paul Chang Ha-sang</i>	10.00am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am Mass: Kathleen Blackhall
Friday 21st September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.15am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: James Chadwick	8.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.00am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.15am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Saturday 22nd September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	5.00pm The Rosary 5.00pm—5.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 5.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	9.40am: <i>The Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass: Msg. Marek Martiska (MIC) 10.30am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11am—12noon <i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 23rd September 25th Sunday B		9.00am Mass: James Robert Weatheritt 11.00am Mass: Michael Hesking

The Pope's Intention for September

Universal: Young People in Africa.

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

St Roberts Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be on Saturday 8th December. It will follow the same basic as previous years, but if anyone has any new ideas we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with either Andrea Mitchell (512281) (usually at 9am Mass) or Elizabeth Dixon (516584) (usually at 11am Mass). Thank you.

Do you have any surplus rosaries?

The Catenian Association send rosaries to missions in Africa, the indigenous people of Australia and to people in prison in the UK. If you have any rosaries that you don't need please leave them in the box on the table in St Robert's church porch.

Northumberland Lay Carmelite Community

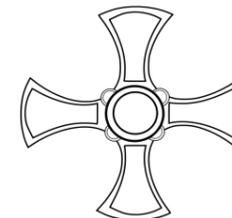
The Community will, in future, meet at St Paul's Church, Dewley, Cramlington NE23 6EF. The next meeting: Sunday 16th September 2.00 - 4.30pm. Anyone interested in learning about Carmelite Spirituality is very welcome to join us.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Canonisation Mass



To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Seamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13th October at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass in San Salvador. He embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor. All are welcome to attend this special Mass at the Cathedral.

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Sunday 16th September 2018 - 24th Sunday Year B

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like all of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear....." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ.

Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did.

In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on earth...How different the world would be if we all chose to pick up our crosses.





Please pray for: The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Justice and Peace in the world; Prisoners and their Families; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families. Please pray for those who are sick, especially for Fr Jim Doherty, and Fr Peter Etterley at Alnwick who is very ill: for all who have died recently including **Mary Marshall** whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 24th September at 10am at St Bede's Church; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collections:

St Bede's: 9th Sept. £307.90 Catholic Education: £82.40
St Bede's Gift Aid Donor Statements are ready for collection. Would all donors please collect their envelope from the porch (they are addressed in surname alphabetical order).

St Robert's: 9th Sept. £821.59. Catholic Education: £277.02

Home Mission Sunday

In today's gospel, Jesus presents us with a challenging question: "Who do you say I am?" For some, the most challenging element of this question is about whether we talk about him at all. Today we have been praying for the spread of the gospel and we also have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. This money is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. You are also invited to come to a workshop called "What shall we do with the Good News?". aiming to explore the best ways ordinary Catholics can share the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, if you're an ordinary Catholic, you can help! It's taking place on Thursday 20th September 2018, 7 till 8.30 pm, at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY.

Newsletter Items

Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter by 7pm on Wednesday to the parish office email address at St Robert's.

Holy Hours

In his Pastoral Letter last weekend, Bishop Séamus has asked all parishes to hold a Holy Hour to pray for the Church at this time of crisis and to use the opportunity as a time of prayer for renewal. There will be a Holy Hour at St Bede's Church on Monday 1st October from 7pm—8pm and a Holy Hour at St Robert's Church on Wednesday 3rd October, from 7pm—8pm. *I urge you to do all you can come along to church for one hour on these evenings, to change your normal routine and to come to pray for the whole church.*

Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have tea and coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's each Saturday evening. We also have tea and coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday morning.

Partnership Spirituality through Art

We are to hold a series of meetings on "Spiritual Journey through Christian Art". These started on Friday 14th September at St Robert's Church Hall, Morpeth, and continue this week on Friday from 7pm—9pm. Come along and try out a new form of prayer and spirituality. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Wedding Prayers

Please keep Dominika Stramska and Michael Lawley in your prayers, after their wedding at St Robert's Church yesterday afternoon. We pray that they will have a very happy and blessed married life together.

Liturgy and Worship Group

The Next Meeting of St Robert's Liturgy and Worship Group will be held on Thursday 27th September at 7pm.

Partnership Spirituality Network Group

The next meeting of the Partnership Spirituality Network will be held on Monday 17th September at 10.30am at St Bede's, Church.

Partnership Development Group

The next meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held on Thursday 20th September at 7pm at St Bede's, Bedlington

Becoming a Catholic

The first meeting of our 'Journey in Faith', a brief introduction to one another and to the Journey of Faith meetings, will be held on Wednesday 19th September at 7pm at St Bede's Church, Bedlington. **Please note Change of Date and Change of Venue.**

Partnership Day of Recollection

We will hold a Partnership Day of Recollection, led by Mrs Chris Smith and Sr Sheila McNamara, on **Saturday 20th October** from 10.30am-3.30pm at St Bede's, Bedlington, about 'Our Call to Holiness', based on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation. (Coffee/tea from 10am) This will be an opportunity for people from across the Partnership to come together, reflect and pray together. *This day will fulfil Extraordinary Ministers requirement for an annual Day of Recollection.*

St Robert's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting for St Robert's Church will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 7pm. Father Peter has been trying to recruit new and younger members of the parish to come along to these meetings. What we do as a parish, reaching out to members of the community, pastorally, spiritually and socially is part and parcel of why we are here, but we need the presence of some younger people—young mums or dads or younger single parishioners to support the work that the Parish Council tries to do. Please give this some thought and if you can come along please speak to Fr Peter this week.

Church and Parish Keyholders

All who have keys for the Presbytery, Church or Hall are asked to contact Bernadette at St Robert's and Pat at St Bede's and to inform them of the keys that they hold and for what purpose / activity. Many thanks.

Apostleship of the Sea Regional Mass

The 'Apostleship of the Sea' invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron 'Stella Maris', 'Our Lady Star of the Sea'. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 12 noon in St Bede's Church, Westoe Rd, South Shields NE33 4LZ. Bishop Seamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Appeal

The Home Secretary is being asked to impose bans on silent pro-life vigils, especially in areas where Abortion Clinics are located. SPUC is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigil, which in some cases have helped women to choose life to save their baby. The freedom to oppose abortion, and the freedom to hold pro-life vigil, pro-life chains and public meetings may be at risk. Postcards are available at the back of church today. Please take one and send to the Home Secretary or write your own letter of support to him at the House of Commons

Christmas Piety Stall

Last year's Christmas Piety Stall proved so popular, we are doing it again!! We shall have a Christmas Stall with Christmas cards and other items in both St Robert's and St Bede's on one weekend each in October, November and December. Keep an eye out for our stall before you go anywhere else for your cards!

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be in St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm. Parents wishing to have children baptised should speak to Fr Peter about attending this course.

Christian Aid Street Collection, Morpeth

The Christian Aid street collection in Morpeth takes place on Saturday 22nd September from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. We need 6 volunteers to collect for one hour each on this day. If you can help please enter your name and phone number on the list in St Robert's church porch.

Thank you.



Mass for the Sick

There will be a St Robert's Parish Mass for the Sick on Friday 19th October at 2 p.m. All are welcome. We would like as many as possible who are unable to come to Mass on their own to be enabled to attend. The SVP will coordinate a list of those needing assistance, but need help to identify them. If you know of anyone who would like to come please put their name and a contact phone number on the list in the porch. We would also like help with transport. If you can help please put your name and phone number on the list for that.

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation is essentially a Ministry of Listening and Compassion. It is the sensitive and privileged work of accompanying the dying and supporting those who are bereaved in our own families or in our Parish. This is a programme of both training and pastoral formation and is taking place at Our Lady and St. Joseph's, New Hartley on the following dates: October 9th and 23rd, November 6th and 20th and December 4th, beginning each afternoon at 1pm and finishing at 3.30pm. To apply, please contact Karen Brown in the Department for Spirituality, 0191 2433302 or Karen.Brown@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is September 30th.

What's Happening for our Young People?

First Holy Communion Preparation

Our preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion begins in early October. Parents' Meetings will be held at St Bede's Church on Monday 24th September at 3pm and at St Roberts Church Hall on Monday 24th September at 6pm. Parents are asked to attend these meetings so that we can inform them of the preparation for these important sacraments.

Catechists needed

It has been pointed out that we need a few more catechists for First Holy Communion, especially those who might be experienced in this area. If able to help, please speak to Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen.

Pope John Paul II Award

The next registration period for The Pope John Paul II Awards for young people aged 16 to 18 years starts in September 2018. Please ask Fr Peter or Bernadette Rich at St Robert's or Joe Gallagher at St Bede's for details or ring Arthur Mitchell (Partnership Leader) on 07553287601.

The EVENT

The EVENT is back! It is held monthly at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Hebburn between 6.00 - 7.30pm, is free and welcomes all young people from years 5, 6, 7 and 8. First evening is Wednesday 17th October. Organisers provide pizza and refreshments free of charge afterwards too so young people can get to know others from other schools across the Diocese

Young People's Discipleship Training - IN PURSUIT

YMT are launching a Discipleship Program beginning with a Residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29th and 30th September. Applications are invited from young people 16 years – 21 years who wish to deepen, grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese. Supported by the Partnerships young people will have the opportunity share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. Contact details: Youth Ministry Trust - Phillip Salkeld - inpursuit@ymt.org - 01207 592244

The Source 'Do Not Be Afraid'

The first SOURCE this year is on October 3rd, starting at 6:45pm in the Cathedral, finishing at 8:00pm (food served in Cathedral café) Annastasia Baker will share her music and her story; she is a UK based Gospel, Inspirational, Soul singer and performing artist, who has featured as a contestant at "judge's houses" on 'X Factor UK' and was the winner, by public vote, of the 3rd Series of Time2Shine, the UK's biggest gospel talent quest show.

Pilgrimage to Spain

St Aidan's, Ashington have arranged a Pilgrimage following the Martyrs and Mystics of Spain. (Salamanca, Segovia, Avila and Valladolid) from Monday 10 to Saturday 15 June 2019, staying in Salamanca in the Hotel Abba Fonseca (a 4 Star Hotel in the Centre of Salamanca not far off the Plaza Mayor). The cost is £960 per person (Single rooms are available at a supplement of £180). Most meals are included in some of the finest restaurants in the area and all entrance fees and gratuities including coach travel in Spain are included too. Please book directly through the Pilgrimage People 0800 6123423. The closing date is 28th September 2018.

SVP St Robert's

The next meeting of St Robert's SVP will be on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm..

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Count this year will be taken on the last two weekends of September [22nd/23rd and 29th/30th] and the first two weekends of October [6th/7th and 13th / 14th], a change from all previous counts that have taken place in October. This will therefore avoid the Half Term holidays when many go away for the weekends and therefore have been missing from the annual count.

EDGE for Middle School Students

EDGE will begin on Thursday 27th September at 6pm in St Robert's Church Hall. This is an exciting, youth group for young people in school years 5 to 9. It includes social time, fun games and activities, provoking or thoughtful discussion on issues that really matter, and chances to make new friends.

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating the Annual Altar Servers Mass in on Saturday 3rd November at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral. All servers are invited to attend this Mass. Please let Fr Peter or Deacon Stephen know before Saturday 13th October 2018, since they have to complete the attendee slip and return it to organisers.

Faith in Action Award

The Diocese is introducing a new 'Faith in Action' award for Year 6 – Year 11 pupils in our schools. A lot of this will be promoted in our Catholic Schools but if there anyone not in a Catholic School, as many of our young people from St Robert's do not attend a Catholic school and may like to get involved, please speak to Fr Peter. See <http://ymt.org/faith-in-action-awards.html> for more info.

- Facebook page: IN Pursuit www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit

FLAME, the National Catholic Youth Congress, takes place at Wembley Arena on March 2nd 2019. Booking forms are out this month in partnerships and secondary schools and it is hoped that coaches will leave from pick-up points in every area. The cost will be £40 per person which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Youth Sunday Preparation

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at Cardinal Hume Catholic School on Sunday 7th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm. This year's Youth Sunday is on 25th November, the Feast of Christ the King. The theme is JOY. 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' (Romans 12:12). This year we celebrate the truth that Jesus shows us that we can have joy in Him, because He has set us free to live the live we were created to live even through the challenges of life. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above). There will be an opportunity to plan together and meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Please see Fr Peter if you would like to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org